REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The objection to the disclosure is improper. Headings are not required. Rule 77 says "should" not "must." MPEP §608.01(a) says that a particular arrangement of the specification is "preferable," not "required." The Examiner cannot make something required that is not required.

The objection to claim 19 is obviated by the amendment to claim 13.

Claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 have been rejected as "incomplete" under 35 USC 112, \P 2. The referenced paragraph reads as follows.

"The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claim ing the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention."

- There is no statutory basis for "completeness." The standard is definiteness. The MPEP cannot override statute.
- 2. The MPEP says that "Such essential matter may include missing elements, steps or necessary structural cooperative relationships of elements described by the applicant(s) as necessary to practice the invention" [emphasis added]. The Examiner has not pointed out where applicant has described the allegedly essential elements as necessary to practice the invention. As such, the rejection is improper. Applicant is entitled to claim what applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 16 was rejected as indefinite. Claim 13 recites a zero crossing detector. Claim 16 recites a current detector. No indefiniteness is seen. How could there be any indefiniteness when reference numbers are provided in the claims? Obviously, zero crossing detector 100 is not current detector 260.

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Claim 9 is re-written to include all the recitations of claim 11, indicated as allowable. All other claims depend from claim 9.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9, 10, and 12–19 are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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